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Bulgarian ~~Marcelle~~ wife were giving a huge party in sponsorship of Israeli textiles. Saw Bourges-Manoury (who failed of re-election to Parliament and is devoting himself, lucky fellow, to shooting), the de la héraudière and many other old friends. To bed at 2 a.m.

Thursday, December 18, 1958

To the Talleyrand. Read telegrams and the first draft of the answer to the Soviet note. Lunched with Paul Henri Spaak at his house on Villa Said. Jean Monnet, Henri Teitgen and Hervé Alphand were there. Before the others arrived, Spaak spoke in admiring terms of how Dulles had handled the Berlin matter before the Council.

The French and Spaak thought the English had been stupid in their management of the Free Trade Area dispute. There was considerable discussion over de Gaulle's refusal to recognize that France could not afford to become a major nuclear power.

Friday, December 19, 1958

Raining but mild - about 55°. Went to the Embassy to thank Flo Palmer and Marcelle Lecomte - those two wonderful women - for all their kindnesses. Had a long talk with Glenn Wolfe about his building plans - to reconstruct the annex, change the residence from 2 Avenue d'Iéna to 41 rue du Faubourg St. Honoré and the rest. He

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took the 9:30 train to Germany.

Looking back on this past week in Paris, I consider it a great success. At the tripartite meeting, the United States, France and the U.K. agreed [] to avoid any recognition of the GDR. This resulted from [] position taken in Washington with the approval of the National Security Council and President Eisenhower. At the same meeting, it was agreed that the question of the military reaction to any Soviet or East German move regarding Berlin would be further discussed between the governments. The Ambassadors in Bonn of the three powers were instructed together with their military advisers to work out new access procedures. The feeling was unanimous not to accept the substitution for Soviet authority of that asserted by the GDR.

At the Council meeting, Dulles's pronouncement of American readiness, if necessary, to resort to a general war in the face of aggression, had a tremendous effect. We can now continue our policy toward Berlin with the unanimous backing of our European allies.

Saturday, December 20, 1958

Arrived at Bad Godesberg this morning. At the office forenoon and afternoon. Bill Trimble told me his agreement had been asked of the Cambodian Government. He is concerned over the